

Senate Resolution 110 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 110

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1 A Resolution urging Congress and the President of the
2 United States to protect America's national guard
3 units from additional budget cuts.

4 WHEREAS, state militias, now known as the national
5 guard, have been a bulwark of this nation's military
6 defense system since 1776; and

7 WHEREAS, now in the 21st century America relies on
8 the citizen-soldiers of the guard like never before,
9 from providing cybersecurity to piloting Predator and
10 Reaper unmanned drones, while still providing the
11 traditional role as "boots on the ground"; and

12 WHEREAS, defense budget cuts ranging from \$450
13 billion up to \$1 trillion over the next decade will
14 force each branch of the military service to reexamine
15 its balance of forces in the active duty, guard, and
16 reserve branches; and

17 WHEREAS, these cuts threaten to reverse progress
18 made over the past 10 years in which guard units have
19 completed multiple deployments and upgraded both skills
20 and equipment; NOW THEREFORE,

21 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate urges
22 the President of the United States, the United States
23 Congress, and the United States Secretary of Defense to
24 protect the national guard from any future reductions
25 or other budget cuts; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of
27 this resolution be transmitted to the President of the

1 United States, the United States Secretary of Defense,
2 and to members of the Iowa congressional delegation.